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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number 196-0128) Use of Inactive Duty for Training Army National Guard Health Care Practitioners to Provide Health Care to Authorized Military Beneficiaries

- 1. This memorandum provides clarification and guidance for Army National Guard (ARNG) health care practitioners, as defined in Army Regulation (AR) 40-6, for providing health care services to authorized military beneficiaries. Confusion has existed concerning what medical services traditional (M-Day) National Guard soldiers may receive and what medical services ARNG health care practitioners may legally provide.
- 2. In accordance with AR 40-03, Chapter 4, authorized beneficiaries are: active duty personnel of any service, Title 10, and Title 32 Active Guard/Reserve personnel, retirees and family members of the above.
- 3. M-Day soldiers in IDT status <u>are not</u> authorized health care services, IAW AR 40-3. Medical care may only be provided for M-Day soldiers on IDT, in emergencies when there is potential for loss of life, limb, or vision. Health care providers may recommend to commanders that a soldier be released from duty to seek private medical care, but may not provide care while on duty with the ARNG.
- 4. M-Day soldiers in AT status are not authorized medical care except for line of duty (LOD) illness or injuries.
- 5. Emergency dental care in LOD is authorized.
- 6. Military health care practitioners, including M-Day ARNG practitioners, may provide care during IDT or AT status to authorized beneficiaries as defined in paragraph 2 above. M-Day health care practitioners (doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants) must be on official orders in AT, IDT or other Federal status to legally provide care, be properly credentialed and privileged and functioning within the scope of their practice.
- 7. The Federal Tort Claims Act and Title 10, United States Code, Section 1089, coverage should apply to ARNG health care





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practitioners who are properly credentialed and privileged, functioning within their scope of practice and functioning IAW AR 40-3.

- 8. This policy will expire 15 Jun 98.
- 9. The point of contact is Colonel Roland J. Weisser, Chief Surgeon, at commercial 703-607-7140 or DSN 327-7140.

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